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                    WELDING ARC WITH HIGH FREQUENCY IGNITION PULSE  
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Reference Nos. US 5 406 052, US 4,870 248, and DE 33 42 932 were cited by the Austrian Patent Office in a related application. Copies of all foreign references are enclosed.


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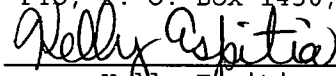
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